



BADLY FRIGHTENED.

A Very Severe Case of Political Hysterics.

An Albuquerque Correspondent of the Santa Fe Republican Has a Horrid Nightmare.

Some imaginative fellow wrote a highly sensational letter to the Santa Fe Republican from Albuquerque last week. He is fearful that the democrats at Albuquerque will put Santa Fe in their pockets and take it away. He says that "during a week's sojourn here I managed to get onto the plans of the democratic leaders in this city and at Las Cruces, which, if at all possible, will be fully carried out regardless of right or wrong, law or no law."

"The crowd that is on top in the democratic party there and rules the democratic roost in Las Cruces claim to have everything ready to carry out its nefarious schemes and that nothing can stop its success. In the first place contests will be filed by Warren and Harrison against Pedro Perea and Walter C. Hadley in time before the legislative assembly. Contests also will be filed against the three republican members of the house from this county. The secretary is to swear in only such members elect as have no contests pending against them and let the council and house to decide as against the others. They claim that Abeytia, Desnarais, Duncan, Cesario Garcia and Curry can not be attacked by contests and that gives them a majority on organization. J. M. C. Chavez, Pedro Perea and Walter C. Hadley are not to be sworn in and on a majority vote Warren, Harrison and Larragoite are to be seated. The same tactics are to be pursued in the house if possible. Every democrat defeated for the house is to bring a contest and only those members who have no contests pending against them are to be sworn in. This is the scheme of the democratic crowd here. They claim to be sure of Secretary Miller, although your correspondent doubts this. They do not claim that Governor Thornton is in the scheme, they say he is too timid and can not be trusted in such matters. They assert amongst themselves that they do not need him. They will, before they get through, have enough of

a majority in the council to overcome any veto of his and in the house they think they can juggle a majority, by applying the party lash and partly by the use of money. The crowd is very unscrupulous and amongst other schemes has the bill for the removal of the capital to Albuquerque ready. They spent about \$8,000 two years ago to secure the territorial depository for Albuquerque and are now willing to mortgage house, home, body and soul to secure the capital. They must have it they say and claim to have everything in readiness to pass it over the governor's veto if necessary. This plan also contains a proviso that the governor's actions are to be checkmated as much as possible in order to kill him off for the senate should the territory come in as a democratic state. One man from Albuquerque is to have one of the senate plums and another man from Dona Ana county is to have the other, provided all goes well. No Mexican need apply. The Mexican counties are too solidly republican and have no rights that this crowd will respect.

"They do not need the governor in their schemes, they say, as there are several federal officials in Santa Fe who profess to be friends to Thornton, but who are ready to knife him at the first chance.

"The men at the head of this movement are desperate and lawless and can be relied upon to carry out the schemes, if at all possible. The city of Santa Fe is in greater danger this session than it ever has been. Heretofore it has either had strong friends in the gubernatorial chair or in the council to look out for its interests, but this does not appear to be the case now. Of course it is well known that should the question of the capital removal be submitted to the popular vote, the city of Santa Fe would carry the day by 12 to 15,000 majority, but this popular sentiment does not stand in the way of the democratic ring in Albuquerque that has marked any and everything of any value to any other town for itself and for its own use.

"The Albuquerque-Las Cruces ring claims, that it has the ear of Sec. Hoke Smith and that no matter, what representation may be made by citizens concerning the outrage heretofore committed in the recent campaign or to be committed hereafter in the organization of

the assembly that the secretary will not listen to charges or protests or anything else that they will be permitted without interference from Washington, indeed by the secret and stealthy aid of the authorities, to undo the will of the people, disfranchise thousands of voters, unseat honestly elected officials, override law and order, steal the assembly, move the capital, and do what they have purported and propose to do.

"I have received this information from the inner circles of the democratic ring here and it comes from the office of a leader among them, a prominent democratic lawyer with boundless ambition, some brain and mighty few scruples.

"Physical force by armed officers is to be resorted to, if necessary. They claim they have the machinery of the law and can act just exactly as the democratic headmen did in Alabama. They have the official machinery. They are not afraid of prosecution as they will have the prosecuting officers and the courts and they claim they have nothing to fear and everything to gain by carrying out their plans.

"It may be that Governor Thornton, Frank Manzanares and a few other more moderate men may be able to prevail for a more moderate course. It may be that Curry and some others who have regard for their reputation may not go in on this lawless and outrageous scheme of these law-breakers and may spoil their broth, but, for the present, they are flattering themselves that they have the pins set up in every position and that the word failure is not in their vocabulary."

The board of county commissioners will meet on Friday and Saturday of next week to finish up the business before the board for the year.

Next Tuesday evening the Silver social club will give a grand Christmas ball. It will be the most elaborate affair of the kind given in Silver City this year.

The number of boarders in the county boarding house has been increased by the addition of a number of tramps from Deming. There ought to be some method of making these fellows earn their board while they remain the guests of the county. Exercise on a rock pile would invigorate their systems and, at the same time, sharpen their appetites.

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